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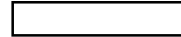
1. At 2100 hours on 17 June 1953, 19 T-34 tanks of the Eighth Guards Mechanized Division from Grimma and numerous trucks and armored scout cars left Neues Lager, Koenigsbrueck, toward Dresden.
2. On 17 June barracks installations in Riesa were unoccupied except for guard details. An armored scout car moved up to the bridge across the Elbe River. The town was patrolled by an increased number of VP's. Residents of Riesa stated 21 T-34 tanks and units equipped with armored personnel carriers, guns and armored scout cars returned to two barracks installations on 19 June. Armored vehicles were emplaced at the town exits. The city was patrolled by Soviet troops. On 20 June the situation at Grimma resembled that observed at Riesa. At noon on 18 June, troops equipped with heavy arms returned to barracks installations.
3. From 19 to 24 June the Wittstock troop training grounds were occupied as previously. Several tanks and trucks of the Eighteenth Mechanized Division shuttled daily between the troop training grounds and Wittstock during the uprising in East Germany. Training activity was resumed on 22 June.
4. At 1700 hours on 27 June, troops started leaving East Berlin. Numerous columns were seen in Schoenefeld from the evening of 27 June until 0340 hours 28 June. Source noticed about 530 trucks, more than 100 armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars, 100 mortars towed by trucks, 24 field guns, 38 X 57-mm AA guns, eight rocket launchers and 10 pontoons on trucks. The column was led by 50 tank trucks. Track-laying elements were loaded at Adlershof and Oberschoeneweide.
5. Troop trains with tanks included three trains from Berlin-Adlershof to Justerbog and four trains from Berlin-Schoeneweide to Justerbog on 27 June.

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


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1.  Comment: The tank trucks belong to GOFG. All other vehicles of the columns belong to the Fourteenth Guards Mechanized Division.)

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2.  Comment: Supplements observations given in paragraph 4.

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